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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON U.S. STATEMENT AT 27TH UNCND

REFERENCE: BOGOTA 3534

1. DEPARTMENT IS POUCHING TO THE EMBASSY THE TEXT OF
DR. BOURNE'S STATEMENT BEFORE THE 27TH SESSION OF THE UN
COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (CND).

2. MEANWHILE, THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE OF USE TO EMBASSY IF
QUESTIONS SHOULD ARISE IN INFORMAL DEALINGS WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY. ONLY ONE PASSAGE OF BOURNE'S STATEMENT COULD
BE CONSTRUED AS ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR "THE DRUG
PROBLEM." THE PASSAGE READS: "OPIUM AND OTHER DRUGS CAN
BE GROWN IN MANY PLACES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. FOR A LONG
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TIME MOST COUNTRIES FELT THAT PRODUCING DRUGS WAS NOT
TERRIBLY HARMFUL SINCE IT DID NOT AFFECT THEIR OWN PEOPLE.
THIS MYTH, LIKE SO MANY OTHERS THAT WE IN THE U.S. HELD DEAR,
HAS BEEN EXPLODED. IT IS NOW WIDELY ACCEPTED THAT NEARLY
EVERY COUNTRY THAT PRODUCES ILLICIT SUBSTANCES HAS A SUB-
STANTIAL ABUSE PROBLEM AMONG THEIR OWN CITIZENRY." WE
SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THAT COLOMBIAN OBJECTION IS TO GENERAL

EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO CONTROL ILLICIT PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING RATHER THAN TO A PARTICULAR PASSAGE OF THE STATEMENT.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ALLEGATION THAT CONSUMING COUNTRIES MADE NO OFFER DURING THE CND TO COOPERATE IN CRACKDOWN ON INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING GANGS IS INCORRECT. BOURNE'S STATEMENT TWICE REFERRED TO THIS MATTER. ONE REFERENCE READS: "WE MUST EXCHANGE INFORMATION ABOUT DRUG TRAFFICKERS WHO HAVE NO RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL BOUNDAR-IES. WE CANNOT ALLOW THESE CRIMINALS TO OPERATE IN ONE COUNTRY AND SEEK SHELTER IN ANOTHER. WE MUST, THROUGH OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS, GET THE MESSAGE OUT LOUD AND CLEAR THAT NOWHERE IN THE WORLD WILL DRUG TRAFFICKERS FIND A SAFE HAVEN."

4. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO RESPOND TO GOC NOTE BY SIMPLY TRANSMITTING TEXT OF DR. BOURNE'S REMARKS WHICH SHOULD STAND BY THEMSELVES AS REFUTATION OF GOC ALLEGATIONS.
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